

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 2 are revised and withdrawn claim 4 is canceled to place this application in immediate condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1-3 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, on the grounds that the claims were indefinite. In making this rejection, the Examiner identified a number of instances of a lack of antecedent basis in claims 1 and 2. The Examiner also took issue with lines 17-21 of claim 1 and lines 19-23 of claim 2 on the grounds that the language therein was unclear and needed clarification.

In response to the rejection, each of claims 1 and 2 has been extensively amended to correct all instances of a lack of antecedent basis. Thus, the rejection in this regard is overcome.

In addition, the approach portion of the die is clarified by defining first and second parts so that the later definition of the die half angles is clearer.

It is also submitted that the term "die angle half" does not raise any issues of indefiniteness on its own since this term is a well recognized term of art in the metal working field. Two publications are attached as evidence that this term is well known. In addition, the specification clearly defines the die half angles so that there can be no question as to their meaning in the context of the invention.

In light of the revisions to claims 1 and 2 and arguments made above, the rejection of the claims based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Since no prior art has been applied against the claims and the outstanding

rejection has been overcome, claims 1-3 are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to examine this application in light of this response and pass claims 1-3 onto issuance.

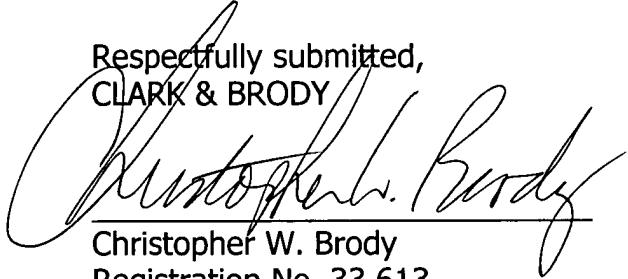
If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful in expediting the allowance of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 202-835-1753.

The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action dated October 30, 2007.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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